PINAL COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT [Precinct 4] **PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA**

STATE OF ARIZONA Plaintiff -vs- **Machelle L [redacted]** Defendant (FIRST, MI, LAST)	[CASE/COMPLAINT NO.] **190313035** Booking No.______	**RELEASE QUESTIONNAIRE** (To be completed by Law Enforcement)

Alias(es) **N/A**

(Check and explain where applicable)
GENERAL INFORMATION
Charges:
1. ARS13-1410A Molestation of a Child
2. ARS13-3623A Child Abuse
3. ARS13-1303A Unlawful Imprisonment
4. ARS 13-3623A3 Child Neglect
5.
6.

Offense Date: **03/13/19** Offense Time: **1824**

Location: [redacted] **N Donithan Way, Maricopa, AZ 85138**

Arrest Date: **03/15/19** Arrest Time: **1130**

Arrest Location: [redacted] **N Donithan Way, Maricopa, AZ 8513**

A. PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

1. Summarize and include the facts which establish probable cause for the crime(s) charged.

See PC Statement.

A. PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT CONT.

2. The person entered or remained in the United States illegally. Explain in detail (e.g., admission by the person, statements of co-defendants at the time of arrest, verification of illegal presence or proceeding establishing illegal presence):
None

3. The crime(s) occurred while the person was admitted to bail on any separate felony. Provide information on the separate felony:
None

C. OTHER INFORMATION

1. Defendant is presently on probation, parole or any other form of release involving other charges or convictions. Explain:
None

PINAL COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT [Precinct 4] PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA

STATE OF ARIZONA Plaintiff -vs- Logan D Hackney Defendant (FIRST, MI, LAST)	[CASE/COMPLAINT NO.] 190313035 Booking No.	**RELEASE QUESTIONNAIRE** (To be completed by Law Enforcement)

Alias(es) N/A

(Check and explain where applicable)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Charges:

1. ARS13-3620A5 Duty to report abuse
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Offense Date: 03/13/19 Offense Time: 1824

Location: [redacted] N Donithan Way, Maricopa, AZ 85138

Arrest Date: 03/15/19 Arrest Time: 1130

Arrest Location [redacted] N Donithan Way, Maricopa, AZ 8513

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None

C. OTHER INFORMATION

1. Defendant is presently on probation, parole or any other form of release involving other charges or convictions. Explain:
None

PINAL COUNTY SUPERIOR **COURT** [Precinct **4**] **PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA**

STATE OF ARIZONA Plaintiff -vs- **Ryan** **D** **Hackney** Defendant (FIRST, MI, LAST)	[CASE/COMPLAINT NO.] **190313035** Booking No.	**RELEASE QUESTIONNAIRE** (To be completed by Law Enforcement)

Alias(es) **N/A**

(Check and explain where applicable)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Charges:

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Offense Date: **03/13/19** Offense Time: **1824**

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3. The crime(s) occurred while the person was admitted to bail on any separate felony. Provide information on the separate felony:

None

C. OTHER INFORMATION

1. Defendant is presently on probation, parole or any other form of release involving other charges or convictions. Explain:

None

PC Statement for 190313035:

On 3/13/19, Officers responded to the Maricopa Police department regarding a child abuse investigation. Officers spoke with Megan [redacted] who stated her adoptive sister, [redacted] [redacted] ([redacted] disclosed being abused at her home located at [redacted] N. Donithan Way in Maricopa, AZ by her mother, Machelle [redacted] The abuse was described as being pepper sprayed, left in a locked closet for days at a time with no food, water or restroom, and stated her 6 other (children) siblings being punished in the same manner. Based upon the information obtained from Megan, a welfare check was conducted at the residence. During the welfare check a child later identified as [redacted] "[redacted] [redacted] ([redacted] was found in an unlocked closet, which has a locking mechanism, wearing only a pull-up. Officers came in contact with the six other children, who appeared to be malnourished, due to their pale completion, dark rings under their eyes, underweight, and they stated they were thirsty and hungry.

While Officers were speaking with [redacted] [redacted] ([redacted] he consumed three 16oz bottles of water within a 20 minutes timeframe. He advised, he was pepper sprayed numerous times as punishment by his mother Machelle. [redacted] was contacted and asked if we spoke to her sister Megan, because everything she had previously told Megan was true. [redacted] advised she is extremely hungry and thirsty, she was provided a bag of chips on scene and she was fearful to eat it, as she did not want her mother Machelle to smell chips on her breath. Officer communication was attempted with [redacted] [redacted] ([redacted] however, she was visibly nervous, shaking, and it appeared she was too scared to answer any questions. The other children, [redacted] "[redacted] [redacted] ([redacted] [redacted] [redacted] ([redacted] [redacted] "[redacted] [redacted] ([redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] "[redacted] ([redacted] was not questioned. While at the residence, Machelle had her two adult son's prepare food for her children, [redacted] stated, her mother only allowing them to have food because the police were there, as she has not been allowed to eat for two days. DCS responded to the residence and removed seven children from Machelle's custody.

Based upon the information obtained, a search warrant was granted for Machelle's residence. While executing the search warrant two cans of pepper spray were located in Machelle's room, which matched the description provided by [redacted] The closet, which the children noted being left in for days, was located in the Machelle's master bedroom with a deadbolt lock and a bare tile floor, with no windows, furniture, blankets, clothing, and toys.

DCS assisted in having the children forensically interviewed and medically examined. During the forensic and physical exam, the following information was obtained. [redacted] stated that since living at the above-mentioned residence, her mother keeps her locked in the closet for multiple days at a time with no food, water or restroom. Her mother would spray her and her siblings with pepper spray all over their face and body, spank them, force them to take ice baths and when resisting would force their head underwater as well as she will make them stand in the corner with their arms raised above their head for several hours at a time. [redacted] stated, "I either get beat with a hanger or belt", "or a brush", "or get pepper sprayed from head to toe". He also advised Machelle would pinch the tip of his penis with her fingernails to the point it would bleed and that it has occurred on more than one occasion. [redacted] stated they would go days without food, water and were not allowed to use the bathroom. She is made to wear a pull-up. [redacted] stated they were frequently locked in the closet all day long. They were left to sleep in a bare room on the cold floor. She made mention of being pepper sprayed on a few occasions and stated one incident she was sprayed in the vagina and recalled being in pain for approximately 4-5 days. She mentioned her siblings also being sprayed with pepper spray and

stated she witnessed it first-hand. [redacted] said prior to her mom pepper spraying them she typically puts on a mask first to protect herself. [redacted] noted they would go days at a time without food, water or bathroom access. [redacted] was too scared and refused to go into the interview room, therefore an interview was not conducted. [redacted] stated, they are locked in the closet for days at a time and they are deprived food and water. He stated, "[redacted] was in the green screen room most of his life". They have to stand in the corner with their arms raised above their head from "6am til 12 at night" and if he moves to scratch himself or anything his mom will pinch his stomach and or back and twist. He also stated the older kids are sprayed with pepper spray and locked in the closet for a week; [redacted] and [redacted] did not get to eat for days. [redacted] stated he would be beat in the head by his mother's knuckles which feel like he is being struck with a hammer. [redacted] advised Machelle has previously grabbed his "privates" and his privates still hurt today (during his interview).

All the children made mention of having to participate in their mom's YouTube channel called "Fantastic Adventures" where she has over 700,800 followers and over 242 million views. The Fantastic Adventures series stars the adopted children in different scenarios. They stated they are disciplined in the manners above if they do not recall their lines or do not participate as they are directed to. They further stated this is one of the reasons their mom took them out of school so they can keep filming their series and they mentioned they have not been in school for years.

On 3/15/19 at about 1130 hours, Machelle and her two adult son's [Logan Hackney [redacted] yoa) and Ryan Hackney [redacted] yoa)] were arrested at their home. We conducted interviews with Ryan and Logan. Ryan invoked his Miranda rights and Logan agreed to speak with us. Logan admitted the children were locked in the closet for long periods as punishment. He had knowledge of Machelle forcing them to take ice baths, and kids being pepper sprayed. Logan stated he observed visible physical injuries on the kids and recalls hearing them screaming and crying. The children stated Ryan would sneak them food when they were locked in the green room. Logan claimed he had a discussion with Ryan about reporting the Child Abuse.

Machelle stated the green closet in her bedroom is never used for punishment, denied the pepper spray, denied the ice baths and stated the only forms of punishment she uses is having to stand in the corner, getting spankings and being grounded.

Logan and Ryan were booked into Pinal County Jail for seven counts each of ARS 13-3620A5 for failing to report abuse of a minor (C6F). Machelle was booked into Pinal County Jail for two counts of ARS 13-1410A Molestation of a Child (C2F), seven counts of ARS 13-3623A Child Abuse (C2F) [Dangerous Crimes Against Children], five counts of ARS 13-1303A Unlawful Imprisonment (C6F), five counts of ARS Child Neglect (C)